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CHESS IN ACTIVE SEASON

Dr. Griffith Leads So. Calif. Tourney

The 1932-33 Southern California championship tournament is extraordinarily notable in the leadership of Dr. Robert B. Griffith who up to the time of going to press (Nov. 30) won six straight parties, drew one and the week thereafter won the seventh. Thirty-two years ago Griffith, then a young medico at University of Pennsylvania, won the Isaac L. Rice intercollegiate Chess trophy. Since then he has not until this present event contested serious Matches or Tourney play but the fire of his genius is still undimmed.

Southern California's annual classic began in October and will wind up next month, the sessions being held Wednesdays and play-offs Saturdays at 9441 Wilshire boulevard, Beverly Hills. Other good scores in the Tourney are: G. S. G. Patterson, 3-0; C. J. Gibbs, 4-2; R. M. Travers, 3½-3½; R. E. MacBride, 2-2. Remaining six contestants are less than .500.

G. S. G. Patterson

The question of luck vs. strategy figures as largely in Chess as in real War.

It will be noticed that Lady Luck is usually on the side of the man who "doesn't know he's beaten." In other words, by persistent fighting he maintains readiness for any future favor that changing circumstances may bring him.

In the Southern California tourney game below, Spencer Austrian had G. S. G. Patterson a bit embarrassed in mid-game and might

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Inter-Club Matches Start on Nov. 28

Southern California Chess League held its annual meeting November 17 at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and voted to start the new season the week of November 28.

The following Board of Officers was elected, providing for the first time separate officials to operate the major and minor tourneys:

President, George B. Knapp; Vice-Presidents, F. E. De Groff and E. W. Grabill; Section A Tournament Director, George W. Sullinger; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry MacMahon; Section B Tournament Director, S. Wolff; Secretary-Treasurer, George W. Chase.

In the major league are Beverly Hills, Cal-Tech, Chess & Checker Club of Los Angeles, L. A. Athletic Club, Long Beach, Pasadena and Santa Barbara.

The minor League is made up of Alhambra, Auto Club, Highland Park, L. A. County, L. A. Minors and Riverside.

The League last year gave two tournaments and sponsored the Chess Congress of 1932. Secretary's report revealed that all the activities were carried out successfully sans friction or any unfulfilled obligations. The titleholders—Chess & Checker Club in the major and Alhambra in the minor — face strong opposition in the 1932-33 tourneys, as general Chess quality is steadily improving and a number of the Clubs are showing real enterprise in the development of new talent.

The general public is cordially invited as spectators of the League's fine layout of thirty-six events beginning with the Highland Park vs. Alhambra, L. A. Minors vs. L. A. County and Riverside vs. Auto Club matches the opening week and concluding with the Ath-

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A CALL TO CARRY ON!

Club Secretaries are embarassed these days by the inability of a percentage of the supporters to pay up and oftentimes by the want of Club spirit generally, making dates difficult and scheduled events unproductive.

We know we have the backing of the Chess world in urging officials not to relax their efforts, and we are glad to state that here in Southern California Chess is a live wire and not in peril of going "dead."

Against the losses one should always carefully offset the comebacks and the gains. A new generation is ever headed our way from the schools, they should be encouraged and furthered to adult membership.

Also the truth of that old saying, "Once a Chess fan, always a Chess fan!", should not be overlooked. As business quickens, a moiety return to their old haunts, and the remainder are by no means lost to Chess, as the vigor of the Problem-solving newspaper departments and the liveliness of Chess-by-mail and other activities testify.

Chess, Music, Science, Art — what would the world do without them? Often they seem the only sanities in a badly muddled civilization! The fine flowering of the brain, theirs is the function to offer mankind escape and solace and to induce the mental health and vigor that will aid our grappling with our many difficulties.

If life is the "survival of the fittest," Chess well illustrates that general law. It has been a highly admirable part of the human scheme for thousands of years, and will make happy our remote descendants long, long after the complexities, maladjustments, inutilities and deep economic troughs of this era are in the dustheap of outworn political and social economy.

A BONA FIDE OFFER

We take pleasure in calling attention to Mr. C. H. Bird's fine offers of equipment in combines with CHESS REPORTER subscriptions, on the back cover of this issue.

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Dr. Alekhine lost only one game vs. 32 opponents at the Hamilton Club, Chicago, on November 22. John J. Collins of University of Chicago won, and Charles Ellison, Fred R. Sherwood, Lee Zalucka and Lewis J. Isaacs drew. Twenty-seven were defeated.

Ajeeb, the Automaton

Young folks of the next generation will learn Chess by aid of robot Chess-players. Spanish inventor perfected a device whereby Mister Machine, handling White King and Rook on an electrically operated chessboard, infallibly mates Black King. The marvel's a first cousin of the Robot of the Water Tower, the Westinghouse "mechanical man," the Algebraic Equations Solver up at Mass. Tech, and other selective and therefore "judgmatic" machines. It stands to reason that the robots of the future can be taught the standard openings, traps and endings,—at the very least, showing the learner the different kinds of mates and refuting by sound play the variations that he tries against them.

Looking back over the history of Chess, it is noteworthy that quackery in such devices preceded the actual achievement by 150 years. In 1767 Baron von Kempelen of Hungary produced a dummy which he challenged the master flesh-and-blood players to beat. His tour with it in the courts of Europe was a veritable triumph. Not till long afterward was the secret of it discovered.

The effigy was a full-size Terrible Turk in the robes of his country. He squatted cross-legged before a chessboard on a cabinet the doors of which were opened now and again to show a multitude of wheels, chains, pulleys, etc. The spectator assumed that these operated the motions of the arms and the fingers that handled and moved the pieces. In an age when less was known about Chess than at present and long, hard Match play was yet to come, the Automaton was practically invincible.

Kempelen's Chess player outlived the Biblical three score years and ten, being toured over two Continents after his Master's death and succumbing to a fire in Philadelphia in 1854.

He was succeeded by the celebrated Ajeeb the Automaton, familiar to the visitors of the Eden Musee in old Twenty-third street, New York. Ajeeb was posed on a large stand at the back of the waxworks, and the lower part of him was shrouded in draperies. A girl attendant set up the pieces, saw to it that the moving was legal and expeditious, and collected a dime a game.

The writer often played Ajeeb and always lost. Such also was the experience of his fellow Club members who from time to time visited the resort. But one afternoon a young member who had recently come to us from Montreal was asked to try his luck and responded: "I'm not afraid of Ajeeb! We'll show him as many tricks from the bag as he has!" So a special expedition from Brooklyn to Manhattan was arranged for the encounter.

The game started. Our paladin gave up the exchange, and we were very much worried. The more unsophisticated of the youthful party wore scared expressions as if to say: "Don't you see—you can't beat the supernatural!"

But Black, in tossing off a Rook for a mere Bishop, cramped up the Turk and ended his strong attack. A clever combination enabled the Black forces to sweep through irresistibly. White was threatened with immediate mate. In disgust Ajeeb threw down the White King, and then with a single motion of the arm and hand laid low all the rest of the pieces. Our man had won!

. . . . Now what we really had been seeing in that famous game though we didn't all sense it till afterwards, was the first encounter twixt Frank J. Marshall (our Montreal recruit) and Harry N. Pillsbury (who was hidden beneath the Turk).

In the Gay Nineties (the date of our story) it became known that Ajeeb and all similar Chess-playing

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devices were man-operated. The wheels, chains, belts and pulleys that the girl obligingly showed us were just hocus-pocus. The real player was in a narrow space inside whence he could look out at the board and work the arm and hand movements.

It had to be a small man as well as a skilled Chess player. Pillsbury was both. It seems incredible but is none the less a fact that the winner of Hastings and the greatest Chessist America had produced since Paul Morphy, spent a goodly part of his Chess career cramped in a hidden cavity of Ajeeb and getting the transient public's dimes for his really uncanny skill!

The new Robots are all-metal. You couldn't pry even a doll into 'em, much less a midget man. Instead, Science has in a sense put brain-work into a machine, using the principle of selectivity, i. e., making different automatic responses as the different factors of the problem impinge.

Chasing and hog-tying a King with King and Rook is probably the simplest of such exercises. Yet who shall prophesy the limits of the Chess Robots of the Future?

In lightsome mood! An old-time sparkler with more gleaming facets than a whole "congress" of plodders could furnish. White was the famed Ajeeb the Automaton; Black, C. Devide, the veteran New York analyst and critic.

Automaton—White	C Devide—Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. B-B4	2. Kt-KB3
3. Kt-KB3	3. Kt-B3
4. Kt-Kt5	4. KtxP
5. KtxP	5. Q-R5
6. Q-K2	6. B-B4
7. P-K Kt 3	7. Q-B3
8. QxKt	8. QxP ch
9. K-Q	9. P-Q4
10. BxP	10. B-B4
11. BxKt ch	11. PxB
12. QxKP ch	12. KxKt
13. QxP ch	13. K-Kt sq
14. Q-B4	14. QxQ
15. PxQ	15. B-Kt5 ch
16. K-K	16. R-K ch
17. K-B	17. B-R6 mate

'MAZEL BEROKHAH' TO YIDDISH CHESS NOOK

First Yiddish Chess column this side of the Rockies is being conducted in "Jewish California Voice" by Noum Light, organizer of the Jewish Chess Club at 420 North Soto street, Los Angeles.

Words are in jargon-expressive Hebrew script, but diagrams burst fetters of tongues and scripts, and here are Mr. Light's first two-mover problems exactly as they appear:

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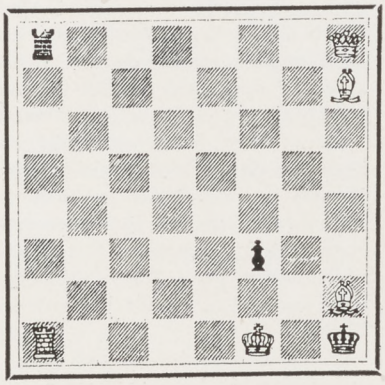

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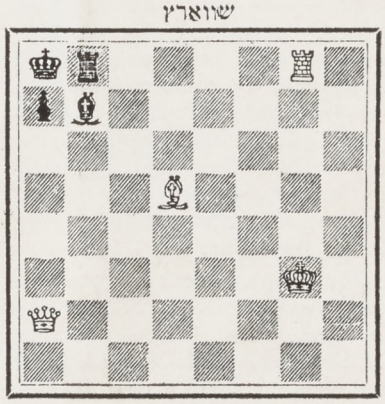

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Dr. Griffith Leads So. Calif. Tourney

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indeed have been victorious by playing 17 . . . SxP.

Instead he retired his KB to safety and in the ensuing emeute incautiously allowed a file commanded by "Pat's" QR to be cleared. Result: Ex-City champion enabled to threaten mate under penalty of loss of a Knight, and Counselor Austrian resigned.

White—Patterson	Black—Austrian
1. P-QB4	1. P-QB3
2. S-KB3	2. P-Q4
3. P-QS3	3. B-B4
4. B-S2	4. S-KB3
5. P-KS3	5. P-K3
6. B-S2	6. Q-S3
7. PxP	7. KPxP
8. O-O	8. B-K2
9. S-QB3	9. O-O
10. R-B	10. QS-Q2
11. S-QR4	11. Q-Q
12. P-Q3	12. R-K
13. S-R4	13. B-KS5
14. P-KR3	14. B-R4
15. R-B2	15. S-S3
16. QS-B5	16. BxS
17. P-KS4	17. B-Q3
18. PxB	18. SxP
19. S-B5	19. Q-S4
20. P-K4	20. B-B5
21. Q-S4	21. PxP
22. PxP	22. S-Q2
23. QxQ	23. BxQ
24. S-Q6	24. R-K3
25. SxSP	25. R-S3
26. K-R	26. S-B5
27. R-K5	27. R-S
28. S-R5	28. R-S4
29. SxBP	29. S-Q6
30. KB-B	30. S(Q2)-B4
31. BxS	31. SxB
32. S-K5	32. Resigns.

Griffith vs. Seliger

To the eve of the fifth round in the Southern California tourney Dr. Robert B. Griffith was the winner of four straight games, having defeated successively Lyon, MacBride, Everett and Seliger.

In the subjoined game the Beverly Hills Doctor does some pretty clear thinking whilst the Hollywood musician is somewhat balled up in the intricacies of a King's Indian defence:

White—Griffith	Black—Seliger
1. P-Q4	1. N-KB3
2. P-QB4	2. P-KN3
3. N-QB3	3. B-N2
4. P-K4	4. P-Q3
5. B-K2	5. O-O
6. P-KB4	6. P-QR4
7. B-B3	7. P-K4
8. KN-K2	8. N-N5
9. QPxP	9. PxP
10. QxQ	10. RxQ
11. N-Q5	11. P-R4(a)
12. NxBP	12. R-R2
13. N-N5	13. R-R3
14. P-KR3	14. N-B3
15. O-O	15. N-K
16. PxP	16. N-Q2
17. B-N5	17. P-B3
18. PxP	18. BxP
19. BxB	19. RxB
20. QR-Q	20. N-KN2
21. P-K5(b)	21. R-B
22. B-Q5 ch	22. K-R2
23. P-K6(c)	23. RxR ch
24. RxR	24. N-N3
25. N-B7	25. K-R3(d)
26. P-KR4	26. R-Q3
27. P-K7	27. NxB
28. PxN	28. B-Q2
29. R-B8(e)	29. K-R2
30. P-K8Q	30. BxQ
31. NxB	31. NxN
32. RxN(f)	32. Resigns.

NOTES:

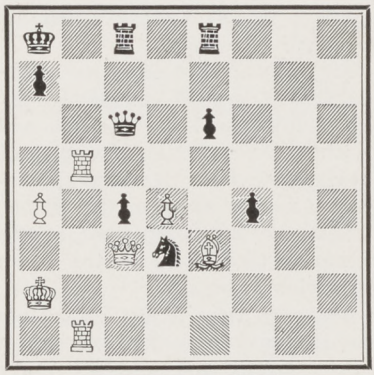
(a.) If . . . P-QB3, N straddles at QN6, next takes off Bishop, and Black loses his advanced cavalier at KN5.
(b.) Pretty. Black cannot take it off, for White would play RxR ch. and win two pieces.
(c.) A remarkably progressive Pawn!
(d.) Reaps the penalty of this bad move four moves later.
(e.) Threatening mate.
(f.) Wins a piece and the game.

Travers vs. Scholtz

R. M. Travers defeated Dr. Scholtz in the Southern California tourney the other day by a clever sacrifice taking full advantage of the Doctor's one errant move in a long, hardly contested **partie.**

'Twas P to KB5 attacking White's QB, the position then being as follows:

BLACK—SCHOLTZ



WHITE—TRAVERS

But Travers had a fine Bishop sacrifice up his sleeve and rapidly executed an eight-move win thus:

52. P-Q5	52. PxP
53. BxRP	53. Q-KR3
54. R-R5	54. R-K7 ch
55. K-R3	55. R-K3
56. B-N6	56. K-N2
57. RxQ	57. KxR
58. Q-R5 ch	58. K-N2
59. QxP ch	Resigns

Scholtz vs. Gibbs

A sixth round Southern California championship game in which Gibbs took quick advantage of Dr. Scholtz's error till in the final

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RIGHT CHESS PRINCIPLES

The fundamentals of our art are space, time and material. "How Not to Play Chess"—the quaint title of a book by Znosko-Borowsky published by the David McKay Company, Philadelphia—should be simplicity itself, i. e., to move haphazard in ignorance or inobservance of these elements.

Mr. Znosko-Borowsky chooses this handle to tell us our errors and mistakes, asking: "Before trying to teach men how to become saints, is it not well to show them how to avoid sin?"

Wrong play is exemplified in the Blackburne trap, the Black side of the Morphy-Duke of Brunswick game, and the deep Ruy Lopez pit of the Tarrasch trap. Every piece of advice on "How Not to Do It" leads necessarily to these positive conclusions for the benefit of the sincere learner of the skilled game:

(1) In War, Topography dictates the operations. (2) Gain time, do not lose it. (3) Seek a realizable plan, and stick to it.

First he calls our attention to the chessboard, a field commanded by the well-known lines of force and in which the centre is the region of maximum power. He begs the beginner not to abandon the centre, to seize and hold open lines, and to create as few holes in the pawn formation as possible.

Secondly, time is lost by useless moves, time is gained whenever you move usefully and your adversary wastes his steps. A useful move means simply the getting to your right objective most economically. In opening development, for instance, you should have all your pieces out and working on forceful lines in a few moves.

Too many players, says Mr. Znosko-Borowsky, rack their brains to find in any given position the best or winning move, when what they really should be concerned about is the proper plan of a sequence of moves calculated to a definite end or aim.

By way of preparation to your plan you should inventory your material and analyze the space and time elements as well as make a "dynamic" or "interior" analysis of the position's possibilities. Then you know what you can do and can't do, and can frame a sequence to achieve some objective. The so-called best move comes naturally in the sequence.

Stick to your plan but do not be merely content with your attack; strive to create fresh weaknesses. A Chess game consists of a series of threats, some direct, others more subtle and remote. In parrying the direct threats, the opponent may not be able to foresee the remote; or even if he does, may have difficulty in properly handling the double menaces. These are familiar principles of Strategics well applied to Chess.

On defense, Mr. Znosko-Borowsky enjoins us to keep the pieces and pawns properly supported and in play, to blockade hostile passed pawns, and to defend by attacking where possible.

Never entangle yourself in a maze of calculations about what the enemy will or will not do to you at each of the moves.

Rather, "form your ideal picture on the supposition that your opponent does nothing. With this picture clear in your mind, then is the time to ask yourself what general plan your opponent may form to counter yours; whether he may have some definite plan inherent in the position, which you in turn have to counter, while keeping your own in view; whether finally your idea is really capable of execution, and whether it really carries the threat your ideal picture promises." In brief, one must strive to understand the other fellow's scheme equally with one's own. To make isolated defensive moves instead of countering that enemy plan in series, will cause our defense to break down.

World Champ in Land of Steady Habits

Thirty-nine Connecticut Yankees failed to put over the wooden nutmegs on World Champion Alekhine in a 43-board exhibition at Bridgeport, Conn., November 5. Windling of Yale University and Schamach of Port Chester were the sole winners. Another Yale player, John G. Williams, drew. Besides the visual work, the Champ had a separate "blindfold" compartment of his brain working vs. State Champion Pasternack of Hartford; the game resulted in the only other draw. Great interest in the event was evidenced by the presence of fans from distant towns in the upper part of the State.

ILLINOIS STATE GROUP ORGANIZED

A new Illinois State Chess Association was organized November 12 at the Victor F. Lawson Memorial Building, Chicago, up-Staters and down-Staters having met in a match twixt Springfield C. C. and Reynolds C. C. of the University of Chicago, the latter being victorious 6 to 1. The officers of the new group are: President, Charles H. Leech; Secretary, N. J. T. Pontenstein; Fred Sherwood, Treasurer.

Scholtz-Gibbs Game

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stages the pieces fell like chips before the woodsman's axe:

White—Scholtz		Black—Gibbs	
1.	P-K4	1.	P-Q4
2.	PxP	2.	QxP
3.	N-QB3	3.	Q-QR4
4.	P-Q4	4.	P-K4
5.	PxP	5.	B-QN5
6.	B-Q2	6.	N-QB3
7.	P-B4	7.	N-R3
8.	N-B3	8.	O-O
9.	P-QR3	9.	BxN
10.	BxB	10.	Q-N3
11.	Q-Q2	11.	N-KN5
12.	O-O-O	12.	N-B7
13.	B-Q3	13.	NxKR
14.	RxN	14.	P-KR3
15.	P-B5	15.	R-Q
16.	Q-B4	16.	N-K2
17.	P-KN4(?)	17.	N-Q4
18.	Q-Q2	18.	NxB
19.	QxN	19.	B-Q2
20.	R-B	20.	B-B3
21.	Q-K	21.	RxB
22.	PxR	22.	BxN
23.	Q-N3	23.	Q-K6 ch.
24.	K-B2	24.	Q-K7 ch.
25.	Resigns.		

INTER-CLUB MATCHES START ON NOV. 28

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letic Club vs. Chess & Checker Club match at the Los Angeles Athletic Club on April 11. For the next four and a half months (with the exception of course of the holiday period) there will be weekly inter-Club competition in the metropolitan district.

Below are the complete schedules of the Major and Minor Tourneys, the name of the home stand always appearing first:

SECTION A

Dec. 4, Long Beach vs. Pasadena. Dec. 10, Beverly Hills vs. L. A. Athletic Club. Dec. 17, Santa Barbara vs. Cal-Tech. Jan. 7, L. A. Athletic Club vs. Pasadena. Jan. 14, Chess & Checker Club vs. Long Beach. Jan. 20, Cal-Tech vs. Beverly Hills. Jan. 21, Santa Barbara vs. Chess & Checker Club. Jan. 28, Chess & Checker Club vs. Pasadena, and L. A. Athletic Club vs. Long Beach.

Feb. 4, Chess & Checker Club vs. Beverly Hills, and Santa Barbara vs. L. A. Athletic Club. Feb. 11 Long Beach vs. Cal-Tech. Feb. 18, Beverly Hills vs. Long Beach. Feb. 25, Pasadena vs. Santa Barbara.

Mar. 3, Cal-Tech vs. Chess & Checker Club. Mar. 10, Pasadena vs. Beverly Hills. Mar. 18, Long Beach vs. Santa Barbara. Mar. 24, Cal-Tech vs. L. A. Athletic Club. Mar. 25, Santa Barbara vs. Beverly Hills. Apr. 3, Pasadena vs. Cal-Tech. Apr. 11, L. A. Athletic Club vs. Chess & Checker Club.

SECTION B

Nov. 28, Highland Park vs. Alhambra. Nov. 30, L. A. Minors vs. L. A. County. Dec. 3, Riverside vs. Auto Club. Dec. 9, Highland Park vs. L. A. Minors. Dec. 12, L. A. County vs. Auto Club. Dec. 17, Alhambra vs. Riverside.

Jan. 9, Auto Club vs. L. A. Minors, and Alhambra vs. L. A. County. Jan. 14, Riverside vs. Highland Park. Jan. 23, Auto Club vs. Highland Park, L. A. County vs. Riverside, and L. A. Minors vs. Alhambra.

Feb. 6, L. A. County vs. Highland Park, and Auto Club vs. Alhambra. Feb. 11, Riverside vs. L. A. Minors.

LOCALES OF THE MATCHES

Alhambra C. C., 210 North Chapel St., Alhambra.

Auto Club, 2601 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles.

Beverly Hills C. C., 9441 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills.

Cal-Tech, Faculty Club, Hill St., near California, Pasadena.

Chess & Checker Club of L. A., 130 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

Highland Park 6150 Piedmont St., L. A.

L. A. Athletic Club, 7th & Olive, Los Angeles.

L. A. County, Klinker Bldg., 1st & Broadway, Los Angeles.

L. A. Minors, 130 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

Long Beach C. & C. C., Municipal Pier, Long Beach.

Pasadena C. C., Hotel Maryland, Pasadena.

Riverside C. C., Hotel Reynolds, Riverside.

Santa Barbara C. C., Y. M. C. A. Bldg., Santa Barbara.

A C Division of the Southern California Chess League has just been organized with the following schedule:

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Class A—Sect. 2:—Goehler ½—Knapp ½.

Class B—Sect. 4: — George 1—Spellman 0; Sharp 1; George 0.

Sect. 5:—Rev. A. C. Wright 1; Reynolds 0.

December Quarterlies

Lists are filling and assignments being made for the December Quarterlies. Any members who wish to participate in them may send entries up to January 1st, and as many sections will be organized as possible.

California State Championship

Sections for 1933 California State Championship will be made up to January 15th, as many have expressed a desire to play in this event directly their present games are a bit reduced. Therefore, sections will be organized and assigned continuously from December 15th to January 15th. Get your entries in as early as possible for this initial State Classic!

Gambit Vote to Date

Center Counter, 2; Greco Counter, 2; Henry Marshall, 1; Danish, 4; Evans, 9; Queen's Counter, 1; Rice, 1; Steinitz, 1; Allgaier, 3; King's Bishop, 2; Kieseritzky, 1; Albin Counter, 1; Muzio, 4; Winawer Counter, 1.

A very light vote for several hundred members. Send yours by postcard or by letter with your entry for March 10th, 1933.

Congratulations to Member W. F. "Bill" Taber of Elko, Nev., on his recent election as Assemblyman in the Silver State . . . . And our best wishes to E. Damon Wallace of Portland, Me., who was obliged to discontinue play for a while because of illness and a siege in Hospital . . . . Among the recent valued accessions to our ranks are Thomas D. Derry, Florence, Ariz.; R. Eugene Fletcher, Petrolia, Tex.; C. H. Goodwin, Los Angeles; George E. Hart, Lemon Grove, Calif.; Capt. L. B. Kennedy, North Hollywood, Cal.; Dr. H. E. Leede, New York City; P. F. Murray, Holbrook, Ariz.; Oscar Ostrum, Russell, Kans.; W. W. Paskall, Stratford, Ont.; E. V. Trull, Rome, N. Y.; Howard S. Watkins, Utica, N. Y.; L. M. Watson, Chico, Calif.; Carl R. Wood, Washington, Ills.; Paul J. Wortman, Dayton, O. Whether you desire to match wits with representatives of North, South, East or West, North American Correspondence Chess League can get you the suitable correspondent and generally some one within the range of your current playing strength.

League members will find of special interest in this number the article on "Right Chess Principles." We shall follow it in January with another on "Old and New Chess Modes," based on Frank J. Marshall's "Comparative Chess" and Barnie F. Winkelman's "Modern Chess."

Suggestions are in order from members of the League as to any particular topics they wish discussed. We should also like to start a forum interchanging views and experiences on the various phases of the Art. Letters for publication, on account of the limitations of space, should not exceed 150 words.

SAD MAYHEM ON AN ORANG-UTAN

Dr. David G. Bourgin of University of Illinois had an encounter with our fellow member Professor George H. Perrine that aptly shows the limitations of the "Orang-Utan," i. e., 1. P-QKt4.

The "Bornean" twisted and turned with all his well-known cunning and agility. But his wing attacks failed

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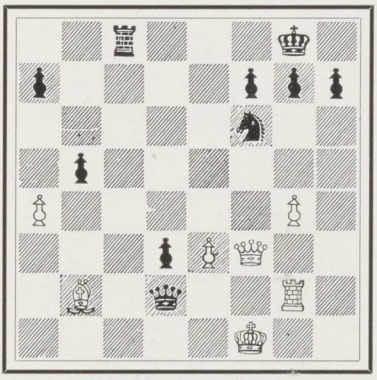
in spite of a number of clever moves, his King-position fell apart, and Prof. Perrine tanned the hide of the unfortunate Utan in a series of brilliant strokes:

1.	P-QKt4(a)	1.	P-Q4
2.	B-Kt2	2.	B-B4
3.	Kt-KB3	3.	Kt-Q2
4.	P-K3	4.	KKt-B3
5.	Kt-Q4	5.	B-Kt3
6.	P-KB4(b)	6.	P-K3
7.	P-QR3	7.	P-B4
8.	PxP	8.	BxP(B4)
9.	P-B4	9.	Q-Kt3!(c)
10.	Kt-QB3(d)	10.	BxKt(e)
11.	Kt-R4	11.	Q-B2
12.	BxB	12.	PxP(f)
13.	R-B	13.	P-Kt4
14.	Kt-Kt2	14.	O-O
15.	P-Kt4	15.	B-K5(g)
16.	R-KKt	16.	P-K4
17.	PxP	17.	KtxKP
18.	B-K2	18.	Q-Q3
19.	P-QR4	19.	Kt-Q6 ch
20.	KtxKt	20.	PxKt
21.	KB-B3	21.	QxP
22.	K-B	22.	KR-B
23.	B-QKt2	23.	BxB
24.	RxR ch	24.	RxR
25.	QxB	25.	QxP
26.	R-Kt2	26.	Kt-K5!!(h)
27.	QxKt(i)	27.	Q-Q8 ch
28.	K-B2	28.	R-B7 ch
29.	K-Kt3	29.	Q-K8 ch
30.	K-B4	30.	Q-B8 ch
31.	Resigns (j)		

Position after 26. R-Kt2
Black—Geo. H. Perrine



White—Dr. D. E. Bourgin

NOTES BY PROF. PERRINE

(a) This opening move yields too much room in the centre.
(b) "White has a definite opening purpose —the command of the black squares. To neglect development on that account, however is surely unsound strategy." Alekhine's note on the game Tartakower-Maroczy (N. Y., 1924)—a game remarkably like this one, in many respects.
(c) This puts new difficulties in white's way.
(d) A very clever reply, but it loses a pawn. 10. Q-B seems best (10. Q-Kt3, BxKt! loses a piece; or 10. Kt-Kt3, BxP; 11. PxB, QxP ch; 12. B-K2, Kt-K5; 13 R-B, PxP with considerable advantage).
(e) Naturally not 10. . . QxB? because 11. Kt-R4 wins the queen.
(f) Now white is very weak on the white squares, and, as move 16 will show, not too strong on the black ones.
(g) A wing attack being punished by play in the centre.
(h) A beautiful little pawn-promotion combination.
(i) Black threatened mate in three.
(j) 31. K-Kt3, QxR ch; 32. QxQ, RxQ ch; 33. KxR, P-Q7!! Or 31. K-K5, Q-B3 ch; 32. K-Q5, Q-B3 ch; 33. any, QxQ ch; 34. KxQ, RxR.

Spellman Beats Down Major's Slav Defence

Undertaking a Slav Defence to L. P. Spellman's Queen's Gambit Declined, Montgomery Major emerged from the "bind," enfilading White's KKtP with his two Rooks, and he looked to have a fair prospect of continuing the attack.

But in the earlier hostilities connected with the breakup of the Slav, the Black monarch had become a wanderer. Spellman pushed the spearhead of his QP forward, Queen, Knight and Rook went over the top at the zero hour, and the Black King, now a fugitive, was chased into open, denuded field and mated.

A pretty game in White's clever guarding against the imminent mates on his own King whilst vigorously pursuing the winning attack on his other wing. We give below the score in full with Mr. Spellman's notes.

White—Spellman		Black—Major	
1.	P-Q4	1.	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	2.	P-QB3
3.	Kt-QB3	3.	Kt-KB3
4.	P-K3	4.	B-B4
5.	N-B3	5.	PxP
6.	BxP	6.	P-QKt4
7.	B-Q3	7.	BxB
8.	QxB	8.	P-K3
9.	O-O	9.	Kt-Q4
10.	KtxKt	10.	KPxKt
11.	P-K4	11.	B-K2
12.	PxP	12.	QxP
13.	R-K	13.	P-QR4
14.	B-B4	14.	Kt-QR3
15.	R-K5	15.	Kt-QKt5
16.	Q-B5	16.	Q-Q2
17.	RxB ch	17.	KxR
18.	Q-QB5 ch	18.	K-Q
19.	Kt-K5	19.	Q-K3
20.	R-K	20.	R-R3
21.	P-QR3	21.	Kt-Q4
22.	B-Kt3	22.	R-K
23.	R-QB	23.	P-KB3
24.	N-B3	24.	P-KKt4
25.	P-R3	25.	Kt-B5
26.	BxKt	26.	PxB
27.	R-Q	27.	Q-Q4
28.	Q-B2	28.	R-R2
29.	Kt-R2	29.	R-KKt2

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WHEN FINK BEAT STEINER

In this position of a deciding game of the Pasadena Tournament Herman Steiner moved K-R3 on his fifty-second turn. Just a few moves later, his hopes of even drawing the **partie** went a-glimmering and with them was dashed his lively expectation of copping the third prize of $100.

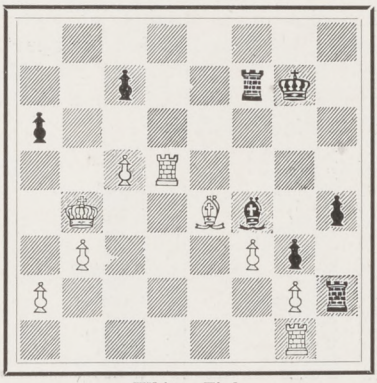
Weighed down by this loss, the best he could do was to share third and fourth prizes with Dake and Reshevsky.

Bystanders thought he had a win, but A. J. Fink playing the White pieces fooled 'em! Referee Griffith thinks that . . . 52. B-K6, instead, might have afforded Black winning chances. Long analysis after the game showed that at move 54 all was not lost, . . . B-Kt4 might have won or drawn. Below is the text of our colleague's striking victory together with the notes which are numbered to the lineage of the moves, white or black respectively:

RUY LOPEZ

Fink—White	Steiner—Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	2. Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	3. P-QR3
4. B-R4	4. P-Q3
5. O-O	5. B-Q2
6. P-B3	6. Kt-B3
7. R-K	7. B-K2
8. P-Q4	8. O-O
9. QKt-Q2	9. B-K
10. Kt-B	10. Kt-Q2
11. Kt-Kt3	11. P-QKt4
12. B-Kt3	12. Kt-R4
13. B-B2	13. P-KB3
14. Kt-R4	14. K-R
15. Q-Kt4	15. P-Kt3
16. Q-R3	16. R-KKt
17. Kt-B	17. P-KB4
18. Kt-B3	18. P-B5
19. PxP	19. PxP
20. R-Q	20. B-Q3
21. BxP	21. PxB
22. P-K5	22. KtxP
23. KtxKt	23. Q-K2
24. Kt-B3	24. B-Q2
25. Q-R6	25. Kt-B5
26. R-K	26. Q-Kt2
27. QxQ	27. RxQ
28. P-QKt3	28. Kt-Kt3
29. Kt-K5	29. B-K
30. B-K4	30. R-Q
31. QR-Q	31. B-Q2
32. KtxB	32. KtxKt
33. B-B6	33. Kt-B3
34. R-K6	34. R-KB
35. Kt-Q2	35. P-Kt4
36. Kt-K4	36. KtxKt
37. BxKt	37. P-KKt5
38. K-B	38. R-Kt4
39. P-B3	39. P-Kt6
40. PxP	40. PxP
41. R-R6	41. R-B2
42. K-K2	42. R-K4
43. K-Q3	43. R(K4)-K2
44. P-QB4	44. P-Kt5

A CRITICAL SITUATION
Black—Steiner



White—Fink

45. R-R5	45. B-B5
46. R-Q5	46. K-Kt2
47. P-B5	47. R-K3
48. K-B4	48. R-R3
49. R(Q5)-Q3	49. R-R7
50. R-KKt	50. P-KR4
51. KxP	51. P-R5
52. R-Q5	52. K-R3
53. R-Q8	53. B-K6
54. R-K	54. B-B7
55. R(K)-Q	55. RxP
56. R(Q)-Q5	56. B-K6
57. R-KKt8	57. R-B3
58. R-Q7	58. B-Q7 ch
59. K-B4	59. K-R4
60. P-B4	60. BxP
61. R-R7 ch	61. B-R3
62. BxR	62. R-B7
63. B-R3	63. Resigns.

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9B—With an eye for P-KB4—apparently a sound line.
11W—To some, P-KKt4 might appeal.
16W—Enticing P-KB4, to which would follow KtxP ch. and PxBP.
16B—Preparing for P-KB4 and forcing white to lose time.
18B—A stronghold, which white must try and break up.
34W—White has a slight edge, but black finds a way.
48B—Going after the weakness on Kt2, in fact it looks so tempting, that black lost 3rd honors in not being satisfied with a draw.
50B—It still looks promising for black, but looks are sometimes deceiving.
60W—Black is now in a mating net.

INTER-CLUB MATCHES
(Continued from page 9)

December 5, Alhambra vs. L. A. County; Dec. 10, L. A. Juniors vs. Auto Club; Dec. 14, L. A. County vs. Beacon C. C.; Dec. 19, Auto Club vs. Alhambra.

January 13, Beacon C. C. vs. Alhambra; Jan. 14, L. A. County vs. L. A. Juniors; Jan. 28, Auto Club vs. L. A. County; February 1, L. A. Juniors vs. Beacon C. C.; Feb. 17, Alhambra vs. L. A. Juniors, and Beacon C. C. vs. Auto Club.

The division is made up of the third team of Chess & Checker Club, the second teams of Alhambra, Auto Club and L. A. County, and the newest accession to the League in the Beacon Chess Club, A. J. Corlin president, at Rimpau just north of Washington Blvd., Los Angeles.

AUTOISTS STRONG IN PRE-SEASON MATCHES

A fifteen-board return match was played October 21 twixt the Los Angeles Minors and the Auto Club at the latter's rooms at Adams and Figueroa.

Whereas in September the C. & C. C. second team triumphed by the one-sided score of 12 to 2, they were by no means so strong away from the home grounds, the Autoists getting revenge 8½ to 6½. Detailed score:

Auto Club		L. A. Minors	
Freeman	½	Ryan	½
Smith, J. H.	½	Fitchett	½
Farman, Dr.	0	Davis	1
Macias	0	Wasserman	1
Stiele	1	Chase	0
Mathe	0	Smith	1
Neuman	1	Schlee	0
Wolff	½	Wilton	½
Junod	1	Kendall	0
Corwin	½	Gallitzen	½
Schirm	1	Grinnell	0
Brown, Dr.	1	Hillis	0
Sanderson	1	Marsh	0
Byard	½	David	½
Shockley	0	Carleton	1
Total Auto Club	**8½**	**L. A. Minors**	**6½**

On November 9 the Auto Club defeated Beacon C. C. 6½ to 2½. Victories were scored by Messrs. Schirm, Luban, Byard, Sanderson, Coffin, Brown, a draw by S. Wolff, and only Macias and Raynor lost, the latter to President A. J. Corlin of the Beacons.

In a 16-board match at Pasadena November 15 Auto Club took Cal-Tech into camp 9 to 7. For the Autoists Messrs. Farman, Mathe, Corwin, Coffin, Brown, Sanderson, Neuman and Raynor won, and Wolff and Schirm drew. For Cal-Tech Professors Weinbaum, Ward and Bateman won at the top boards, wins were also scored by Bennett, Sarno and Scherman, and draws by Davies and Dr. Richter.

Auto Club capped the pre-season climax Nov. 19 by beating Beverly Hills 5½ to 2½, only Gibbs and Ernst winning for the Major League team and Griffith drawing. Smith, Farman, Schirm, Wolff, Mathe scored well-deserved victories for the visitors.

Pacific Northwest Doings

Since the successful Washington State tournament in September, Pacific Northwest Chess interest has quickened, and inter-City matches are being promoted amongst Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver. A housewarming was held Nov. 30 at the attractive new Seattle Chess Club rooms, 401 Lowman Building, First Ave. and Cherry St.

Golden Gate Black Knights

Black Knight Chess Club of San Francisco last month elected officers as follows:

President, L. L. Boyette; Vice-President and Treasurer, L. Christiansen; Secretary, J. F. Hubert; Team Captain, Fred F. Byron, Jr.

The team is stronger than last season and will play a series of inter-Club matches beginning in mid-January and continuing into the summer. The "Black Knights" also this year present a second team, competition being cordially invited with clubs of moderate strength. For Black Knight team dates, address Mr. Byron at 1977 Mission street, San Francisco.

CHESS NOTES

State Champion Borochow opened the schedule of events at the new Hollywood Chess Club, 5704 La Mirada avenue, on November 7th with a simultaneous exhibition in which he defeated 14, drew with S. Vorkapich, and lost to Milstein, J. T. Allen and John I. Bujan. The executive board includes Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Harry Borochow, Richard Schayer, Lew Ayres, Capt. J. F. Archibald, Ernest Laemmle, Willy Wyler, S. Vorkapich, W. W. Wiswell and Chester Meys.

NEWS OF THE MASTERS

Two hundred of the flower of New York City's Chess battalions battled Dr. Alekhine in an almost **13-hour session** at the Seventh Regiment Armory there Election Day. Fifty teams of four consultants per board.

He outwalked the peripatetic philosophers and outdid the Herculean labors, also surpassed Capablanca's previous record both in time-endurance and in results, achieving 30 victories and 14 draws and losing only six **parties.**

Isaac Kashdan is back in New York after tying Alekhine in the Mexican Tourney and staging interesting exhibitions in Denver, Dallas, Chicago and Cleveland. Instead of going abroad this season he may go into a number of Gotham events and projects. If so, he will again cross swords with Arthur Dake who wants a match with him.

Herman Steiner who has been living in Beverly Hills since the Chess Congress figures that Los Angeles Chess interest would be stimulated by a big professional exhibition somewhat on the same order as the Alekhine and Capablanca hippodromes. Mr. Steiner proposes to give, around the holidays, a 100-board exhibition and hopes to stage it in one of the larger hotels. More power to him!

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30.	P-B3	30.	R (K)-KKt
31.	R-Q2	31.	P-KR4
32.	K-R	32.	Q-K3 (a)
33.	Kt-B	33.	Q-Q4
34.	R-K2 (b)	34.	K-B2
35.	Q-Q2	35.	K-Kt3
36.	QxBP	36.	Q-QKt4
37.	Q-K4	37.	Q-B8
38.	K-Kt	38.	Q-QB5
39.	Kt-K3 (c)	39.	Q-B2
40.	R-QB2	40.	Q-Q2
41.	P-Q5	41.	P-QB4
42.	Q-KR4	42.	R-KKt4 (d)
43.	P-QKt4	43.	RPxP
44.	PxP	44.	P-B5
45.	R-R2	45.	K-Kt2
46.	P-Q6 (e)	46.	QxP
47.	Q-K4 ch	47.	K-Kt3
48.	P-KB4 (f)	48.	P-KB4
49.	Kt-Q5 ch	49.	K-Kt2
50.	Q-Q4	50.	R(Kt4)-Kt2 ?
51.	Q-R7 ch (g)	51.	K-B
52.	Q-R8 ch	52.	K-Q2
53.	Q-Kt7 ch	53.	K-K
54.	R-R8 cb	54.	Q-Q
55.	Kt-B6 ch	55.	K-B
56.	RxQ Mate		

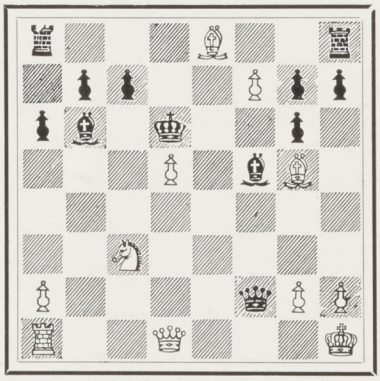
NOTES BY MR. SPELLMAN

(a) Threatening 33 . . . QxRP and . . . R-Kt8 Mate. (b) Offering Black the QP. (c) Black has a chance here to draw at least by the following: 39 . . . QxR. 40. Kt-Q5 ch; PxKt. 41. QxQ; RxKtP ch, etc. (d) The only defense. (e) To clear the diagonal and cost Black a move if pawn is taken. (f) So Kt can go to Q5. (g) No escape now.

An interesting position from one of member Allen G. Pearsall's skittle games in San Diego.

The principal variations are as follows.

BLACK—MR. X



WHITE—PEARSALL

1.	Q-R4	1.	Q-Q5
2.	B-B4 ch	2.	K-K2
3.	R-K ch	3.	K-B
4.	BxP	4.	B-B4
5.	QxQ		
Or	.....		Q-B4
	BxB		Q-Q3
	B-B7		Q-B4
	Q-R5		
Or			
3.	R-K ch	3.	K-Q
4.	B-KKt5 ch	4.	K-B
5.	B-Q7 ch	5.	BxB
6.	R-K8 ch		
etc.			
Or	.....		K-Kt
	R-K8 ch		K-R2
	Kt-Kt5		Mate.

PROBLEM SOLVERS

Solutions to Nos. 33, 34 and 35 are Q-B3, R-R5 and Q-QR respectively.

Solvers list, etc.: R. Dunipace, Palo Alto; A. Mardigian, San Francisco; C. Howland, Oakland; F. Byron, Jr., San Francisco; W. Moyer, Kingston, N. J., Prob. too light; H. Haussler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Sheppard, Hondo; Dr. R. B. Griffith, Beverly Hills; M. B. Lippman, Beverly Hills; J. F. Hubert, San Francisco; H. Hokensen, Imola; Dr. G. R. Wright, Montrose, Mich., "Impossible move." C. F. Lewis, Davis; J. E. Ellis, Los Gatos; W. L. Pedrick, Ferndale; Dr. A. R. Waters, Chico.

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A. J. FINK'S PROBLEM CORNER

(Mail all solutions to A. J. Fink, 250 Valdez Ave., San Francisco. Due credit will be given).

A two'er, three'er, Xmas fantasy and end-game.

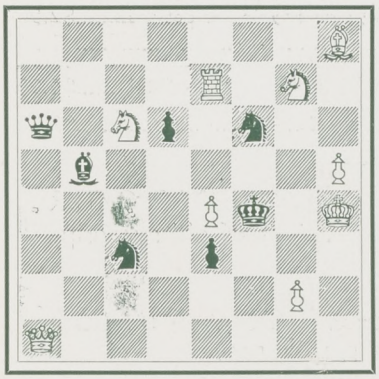
This month's two'er is selected from "La Settimana Enigmistica" where it captured second prize. Although credit is due to O. Stocchi for taking the first prize, there appears something of high interest, in the position appearing here, as No. 36.

In order to meet a request from several solvers, for a three-mover once in a while, a reprint, No. 37 from "The Boston Transcript" will answer very nicely. Not too difficult and not too many pieces.

As we are wondering what to dish up for Xmas, in the way of a fantasy, along comes a position, that just fills the bill. The author however has neglected to give his name, and from an obscure postmark, we are at a loss, in which direction to throw our suspicion. The solver will note, there are nine pawns shown, perhaps an apt motto might be "The loan king with too many pawns." The condition is, White to play and in how many ways can he mate on the move. Of course a pawn must first be removed from the board, and the one that can be removed, allowing the most number of mates, will be the correct way. See No. 38.

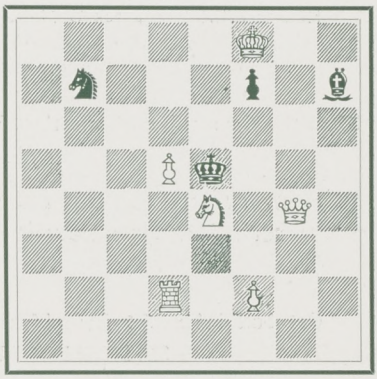
No. 39. An amusing end-game by the Nottingham, England expert. Black has just moved his rook pawn on to glory and white has his hands full, in how to counter.

No. 36—by A. Chicco



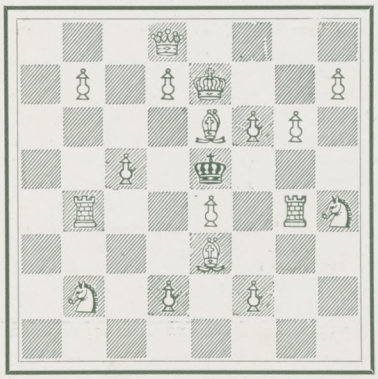
Mate in two moves.

No. 37—by A. J. Fink



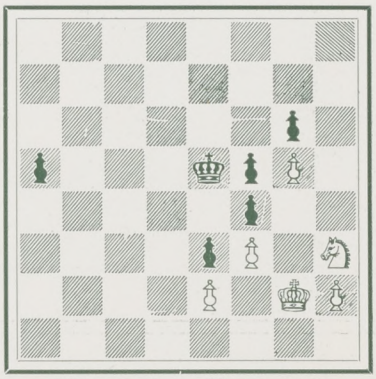
Mate in three moves.

No. 38—by Unknown



See article above.

No. 39—by G. Hume



White to play. What result?

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